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SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

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SUMMARY: DANES HAVE NOT FOCUSED ON THE SSOD AND THE PREPCONS
LEADING TO IT. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO DANISH REQUEST FOR US
SUPPORT TO ALLOW DANES TO PARTICIPATE IN PRECONS AS
OBSERVERS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ONE DISARMAMENT "EXPERT",
AMBASSADOR FRODE SCHOEN, WHO RETURNED TO DENMARK FEBRUARY 14
AFTER A MONTH'S LEAVE FOLLOWING THE 31ST UNGA IN WHICH HE
PARTICIPATED. AMBASSADOR SCHOEN SAID THAT BECAUSE THE DANES
WERE UNABLE TO ACHIEVE REPRESENTATION ON THE PREPCONS, THEY
HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO THINK ABOUT THE SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT (SSOD). HE WELCOMED THE INITIATIVE OF THE US,
HOWEVER, AND SAID THAT AS DENMARK'S POSITIONS, BOTH ON TACTICS
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AND SUBSTANCE, ARE DEVELOPED, HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US.
HE VOLUNTEERED THAT THE DANES, IN SPITE OF THEIR REAL INTEREST
IN DISARMAMENT, WERE NOT OVERJOYED AT THE PROSPECT OF AN SSOD
BUT, "LIKE THE US, WE THOUGHT THAT IF WE COULDN'T BEAT THEM WE HAD
TO JOIN THEM."

2. AMBASSADOR SCHOEN, HOWEVER, DID ASK POLCOUNS TO REQUEST US

SUPPORT FOR DENMARK'S PARTICIPATION IN PREPCON MEETINGS AS AN OBSERVER WITH THE RIGHT TO SPEAK. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR SCHOEN, THIS IS IMPORTANT TO THE DANES FOR TWO REASONS: FIRST, AND OBVIOUSLY, THEY WANT TO BE CLOSE TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PREPCON AS IT UNFOLDS. SECONDLY, THE DANES WOULD WISH TO FOLLOW SSOD, DEVELOPMENTS SO THAT THEY CAN FULLY DISCHARGE THEIR FUNCTION IN THE EC PRESIDENCY DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1978.

3. AMBASSADOR SCHOEN SAID THAT ANOTHER MATTER THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN CONSIDERATION IN THE MFA--ALTHOUGH NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN REACHED--WAS TO REQUEST US HELP IN GAINING A PLACE ON THE BUREAU OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. AMBASSADOR SCHOEN SAID THAT SUCH A POSITION COULD PROBABLY BE OBTAINED BY BEING NAMED ONE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OF THE 32ND UNGA. THE DANES MAY ASK FOR US SUPPORT IN GAINING SUCH AN APPOINTMENT.
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